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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Abdul-Ridha, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/761,489 FILED: January 16, 2001

FOR: Improved Structures Based on Ceramic Tantalum Nitride

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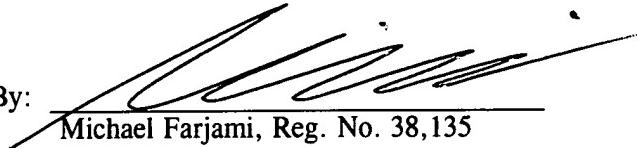
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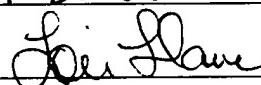
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This is in response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2002 in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following remarks.

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